



FY2008 Annual Work Plan North Yakima Conservation District

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Mission of the North Yakima Conservation District Conservation District

- The mission of the North Yakima Conservation District is to make available technical, financial and educational resources to meet the conservation needs of the citizens who occupy and use the natural resources within our District.
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Natural Resource Priorities and Goals: NYCD's overall district natural resource concerns in priority order and goal for improvement.

- Ag Preservation-Urban Interface-Land use Planning: Complete by 2009, plan(s) for land uses that strive to maintain agricultural use
 - Water Resources: By 2010 identify water quality issues that will lead to implementation of corrective actions and by 2009 the Cowiche Watershed will yield enough water for legal uses and fish and wildlife needs.
 - Fish and Wildlife: By 2011 assist all affected landowners with compliance issues related to the Endangered Species Act and State requirements regarding fish species on privately held lands within NYCD's Geographic Priority Areas.
 - Animal Feeding Operation (AFO)/Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO): By 2011 have all affected landowners within NYCD's Geographic Priority Areas in compliance with AFO/CAFO regulations.
 - Forestry: By 2009 develop a program to assist private forestry landowners.
 - Noxious Weeds and Pests: (focus areas: Irrigated cropland, rangeland). By 2010 develop an integrated pest management program.
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Information – Education Priorities and Goals: NYCD's long term goals for information/education.

- By 2008 increase the knowledge level of all landowners listed on NYCD's assessment role in regards to Natural Resource issues/concerns and how the District's Plan(s) will address them.

District Operations Priorities, Goals & Funding Sources: NYCD's goals for District operation(s). Complete District operations in a timely and efficient manner, consistent with Washington Conservation Commission guidelines.

- Complete Annual Report of Accomplishments (September 2008).
- Complete Supervisor elections and appointments (March 2009).
- Complete employee evaluations (January 2009).
- Complete Internal Audit, Annual Financial Report, Annual Plan and Annual Budget (May 2009).
- Conduct 12 monthly Regular Board Meetings and 3 "special field tour" Meetings (June 2009).
- Review NYCD's Personnel Manual and RCW 89.08 with Board and Employees (May 2009).
- Review and Update NYCD Plant Material Facility (PMF) work plan and Budget (July 2008).
- Provide training and related educational opportunities to Staff and Board Members (continuous).
- Prepare, Update and Maintain NYCD's Local Assessment (January 2005-January 2014).
- Anticipated NYCD funding sources for FY 2009 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009)
 - LOCAL FUNDS: NYCD Assessment, Yakima County Flood Control District, South Naches Irrigation District, NYCD Plant Sale, NYCD PMF, Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group, Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board, Yakima County Master Gardeners and local landowners.
 - STATE FUNDS: Washington Conservation Commission (Water Quality grant, Irrigation Efficiency grant, Engineering grant-cluster, Livestock grant, Good Governance grant, TSP funds), Washington State Department of Ecology (Centennial Clean Water Fund) 319 grant, Salmon Recovery Funding Board.
 - FEDERAL FUNDS: Bonneville Power Administration (South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council-Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program), U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mitchell Act Funds.



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Program Area: Ag preservation-Urban Interface-Land use Planning

Goal(s): Complete by 2009, plan(s) for land uses that strive to maintain agricultural use.

Funding Source(s): Bonneville Power Administration, Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program, NYCD assessment, USFW Service, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board, US Department of Defense, IAC, Office of Farmland Preservation, Oregon Rangeland Trust, Yakima County.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Develop District Resolution(s) to provide basis for Program development.	As needed	Board, Mike, Staff
Work with local jurisdictions to establish guidelines based on resource limitations.	July 08- June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Work with local legislative authority and staff(s) to share information and promote opportunities that achieve program area goal(s).	July 08-June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Work with resource agencies and staff(s) to share information and promote opportunities that achieve program area goal(s).	July 08-June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Work with landowners in the Cowiche, Wenas, Naches & Tieton and Ahtanum Watershed as priority.	July 08-June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Cooperate with the Conservation Commission's Office of Farmland Preservation.	July 08-June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Develop partnerships for implementation based activities with Oregon Rangeland Trust.	July 08-June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Apply for WWRP-FPP funding for Cowiche Basin Working Rangelands Project phase 1	July 08-June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Facilitate WDFW LIP contract for Rattlesnake Hills Project	July 08-June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Participate in WACD's, WDFW Land Acquisition, Management and Conflict Task Force	continuous	Board, Mike, Staff





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Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s): By 2008 identify water quality issues that will lead to implementation of corrective actions and by 2009 the Cowiche Watershed will yield enough water for legal uses and fish and wildlife needs.

Funding Source(s): Bonneville Power Administration, Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program, Conservation Commission Irrigation Efficiencies Grant, Conservation Commission Water Quality Grant, YBF&WRB, NYCD Assessment, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Department of Ecology, Washington Water Trust, Columbia River Initiative.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Develop a follow-up "Trust Program" for the landowners who have participated in the Water Metering Program.	July 08-June10	Mike, Justin, Staff
Participate in the WACD Irrigation Task Force Committee to move CWCP's forward to implementation etc...	Continuous	Mike, Board
Work with water right holders throughout the District's Priority Areas to utilize technical, financial, and educational resources to conserve water.	Continuous	Staff, Board
Work with resource agencies and staff(s) to share information and promote opportunities that achieve program area goal(s).	July 08-June 09	Board, Mike, Staff
Work with landowners in the Cowiche, Ahtanum, Naches/Tieton and Wenas Watersheds as priority.	July 08-June 09	Staff
Participate in and assist with DOE's Naches River Temperature TMDL.	July 08-June 09	Staff
Participate in and assist with DOE's Local Tributaries Fecal TMDL.	July 08-June 09	Staff
Implement the Conservation Commission Water Quality Grant.	July 08-June 09	Brian
Assist in the implementation of the Selah Ditch TMDL.	July 08-June 09	Staff
Implement the District's Water Metering Program.	July 08-June 09	Justin
Develop Irrigation Efficiency program to connect the CCWUA to the YTID	July 08-June 09	Mike, Staff
Develop Irrigation Efficiency Program(s) to work with all surface water right holders in the Cowiche, Naches / Tieton and Wenas watersheds.	July 08-June 09	Justin
Assist Irrigation Districts with flow monitoring.	July 08-June 09	Brian
Assist Irrigation entities with developing funding for system improvements.	continuous	Staff



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Program Area: Fish and Wildlife

Goal(s): By 2011 assist all affected landowners with compliance issues related to the Endangered Species Act and State requirements regarding fish species on privately held lands within NYCD's Geographic Priority Areas.

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission Water Quality Grant, Conservation Commission Livestock Grant, BPA, YTHAP, USFW Service, BOR, RFEG, SRFB, NYCD, WSDOT, Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board, Yakima County Flood Control Zone, WDFW Mitchell Act.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Implement the YTHAP Program (screening, barrier removal and habitat improvement).	July 08-June 09	David, Staff
Develop and implement 5 compliant fish screens.	July 08-June 09	David, Staff
Actively seek landowners to develop 5 habitat restoration plans	July 08-June 09	Brian, Staff
Implement 5 habitat restoration plans including Hanson, Schneider and Schneider.	July 08-June 09	Brian, Staff
Sponsor a Washington Conservation Corp Crew to assist in the implementation, O&M and monitoring of habitat restoration projects.	July 08-June 09	Brian, Staff
Be actively involved in all aspects of wolf reintroduction in Yakima County.	July 08-June 09	Board, Staff
Complete on-going YTHAP projects (Fines, Brown/Ward, NF Gauging Station).	July 08-June 09	David, Staff
Develop new projects under the YTHAP Program guidelines.	Continuous	David, Staff
Seek funding for projects.	Continuous	Mike, Staff
Conduct monitoring, reporting and administrative requirements of related programs.	Continuous	Staff



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Program Area: Animal Feeding Operation (AFO)/Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)

Goal(s): By 2009 have all affected landowners within NYCD's Geographic Priority Areas in compliance with AFO/CAFO regulations.

Funding Source(s): NYCD Assessment, Conservation Commission Livestock grant, Conservation Commission Water Quality grant.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Educate affected landowners about regulations and responsibilities.	July 08-June 09	Staff
Provide technical and financial assistance to landowners.	July 08-June 09	Staff





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Program Area: Forestry

Goal(s): By 2009 develop a program to assist private forestry landowners.

Funding Source(s): NYCD Assessment, Conservation Commission Water Quality grant, DNR, USDA, Skagit CD, fire wise program.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Identify Forestry resource related needs.	July 08-June 09	Mike, Staff
Develop "fire wise" program.	July 08-June 09	Mike, Staff
Seek complementary funding and partners (coordinate with USDA opportunities).	July 08-June 09	Mike, Staff



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Program Area: Noxious Weeds and Pests

Goal(s): (focus areas: Irrigated cropland, rangeland). By 2010 develop an integrated pest management program.

Funding Source(s): NYCD Assessment, Yakima County Weed Control Board, WSU Extension, USDA and Yakama Nation.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Develop programs that identify areas of infestation and methods of control for implementation at the request of the landowner.	June 08-July 09	Mike, Staff
Work with appropriate entities to address fruit pest's issues.	June 08-July 09	Mike, Staff
Develop programs for education and outreach.	June 08-July 09	Mike, Staff
Develop funding sources.	July 08-June 09	Brian, Staff
Maintain pesticide applicators license and oversee application on private and public properties.	July 08-June 09	Brian, Staff
Work with Yakima County Weed Control Board to create Program(s) that address common goals.	July 08-June 09	Mike, Staff



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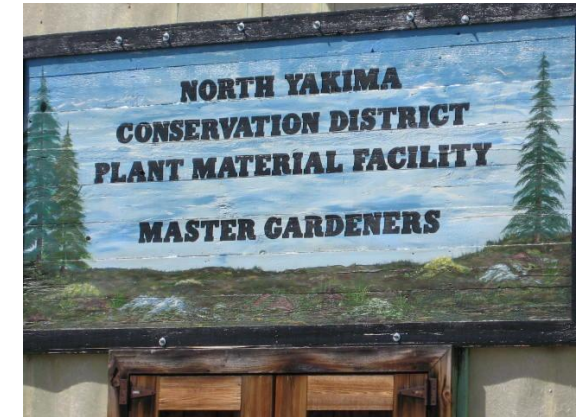


Program Area: Native plant sources, NYCD Plant Materials Facility.

Goal(s): Implement the goals of the NYCD's Plant Materials Facility that meet local and regional plant restoration/conservation needs.

Funding Source(s): NYCD assessment, NYCD Plant Sale(s), grants, Memorandums of Agreement.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Review the mission statement and goals of NYCD PMF.	July 08, as needed	Mike, PMF Board
Establish work plan and budget for PMF operation.	July 2008	Mike, PMF Board
Implement PMF work plan.	July 08-June 09	Staff
Conduct NYCD Plant Sale (spring and fall).	July 08-June 09	Brian, Staff
Develop and implement Memorandum of Agreement With Yakima County for the holding and distribution of local seed source Ponderosa Pines.	July 08-June 09	Brian, Staff





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Program Area: Information and Education (switch with operations)

Goal(s): By 2008 increase the knowledge level of all landowners listed on NYCD's assessment role in regards to Natural Resource issues/concerns and how the District's Plan(s) will address them.

Funding Source(s): NYCD Local Assessment, Grants, and Memorandums of Agreement.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Contact all Assessed landowners via a NYCD newsletter, to inform them and educate them about the District and it's many natural resource programs.	July 2008 and January 2009	Board, Staff
Establish program that supports K-12 curriculum development and "hands on" support and coordination (Wheat Week, Salmon in the Classroom).	December 2008	Board, Staff
Promote the Conservation District ideals and functions; i.e. "conserve, protect and enhance natural resource through the use of Best Management Practices (BMP's)", "to take available technical, financial and educational resources whatever there source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water and related resources", etc...	Continuous	Board, Staff
Develop and update the NYCD Website.	Continuous	David, Staff/Board
Establish relationships with all related organizations and entities to actively share goals and mission statements to find common ground to support each other.	Continuous	Board, Staff



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Program Area: NYCD Operations

Goal(s): Maintain, expand, and provide effective Natural Resource Conservation programs in an efficient, legal, and fiscally responsible manner.

Funding Source(s): NYCD assessment, Bonneville Power Administration, Conservation Commission Basic Funding.

Activities for FY2008	Target Dates	Responsibility
Complete District operations in a timely and efficient manner, consistent with Washington Conservation Commission guidelines.	July 08-June 09	Board and Staff
Complete Annual Report of Accomplishments.	September 08	Mike
Complete Supervisor elections and appointments.	March 09	Board and Staff
Complete employee evaluations.	January 09	Board and Staff
Complete Internal Audit, Annual Financial Report, Annual Plan and Annual Budget.	May 2009	Board, Jackie
Conduct 12 monthly Regular Board Meetings and 3 "special field tour" Meetings.	July 08-June 09	Board
Review NYCD's Personnel Manual and RCW 89.08 with Board and Employees.	January 09	Board, Mike
Review and update Annual and 5-Year Plans.	April 09	Board, Mike
Provide training and related educational opportunities to Staff and Board.	Continuous	All
Administration and maintenance of daily, monthly and yearly financial and clerical operations.	Continuous	Jackie, Mike, Board
Prepare, update and maintain NYCD's Local Assessment.	2005-2014	Jackie, Board
Maintain a physical presence in all applicable forums of Natural Resource Protection that may pertain to the natural resources of the North Yakima Conservation District or its landowners.	Continuous	Board, Mike, Staff
Maintain NYCD's Assessment.	July 08-June 09	Board and Staff
Participate in and educate NYCD staff and Board about funding activities related to WACD and the Conservation Commission.	July 08-June 09	Board and Staff
Review all current Memorandums of Agreement, grants, Memorandums of Understanding, and Inter-local Agreements.	July 08-June 09	Board and Staff



N.F. Ahtanum Gauge Barrier



YTAHP Biological Monitoring



Diversion #31, Fish Screen



Schneider Project implementation



Off Channel Watering BMP



Fish Way at Shaw-Knox Project